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The Hoopa Valley Tribe, a federally recognized Indian tribe with reserved fishing rights in the Trinity and Klamath Rivers, opposes the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari filed by the commercial fishermen. The Tribe intervened on behalf of the respondent United States before the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. The Tribe participated in briefing and oral argument before the District Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Tribe is an intervenor-respondent before this Court.

The commercial fishermen's petition should be denied because there is no conflict between the decision of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and a decision of any other United States Court of Appeals, and the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in this case, while critically important to these parties, does not raise an important question of federal law that should be settled by this Court.

For the foregoing reasons, the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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